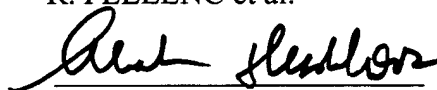


REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees in the above-identified patent application.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
R. PELLENC et al.



Abraham HersHKovitz
Reg. No. 45,294

February 15, 2001
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1941 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191